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The meeting was called to order at 6:10 on May 20, 2007. Present were:

Board: Alan Butler, Don Barden, Denny Redman, Paige Denison (Karen Wallin was absent)

Duvall Library: Laura Boyes.

Friend of the Library/DCC: Joe Lee Davidson.

RiverCurrent News: Reporter Carol Ladwig.

April 26, 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business:

New Duvall Library Facility: Paige gave an update on the meeting at Washington Holdings' (WH) Seattle headquarters with KCLS. Present at that meeting was Mayor Ibershof, Paige, Representative Kathy Lambert, KCLS Director Bill Ptacek, Kay Johnson, and Denise Siers. Washington Holding was represented by their CEO, Craig Wrench and their VP for Development, Mike Brooks. Brooks and Wrench gave background information on their development plans for their Big Rock property, which would be adjacent to the new Lake Washington Technical College. They proposed selling (for \$1) a one acre parcel to KCLS that would be, when the development was completed, at the junction of a new intersection of Big Rock Road and 3rd Street (as extended).

The site would be in a commercial zone, and across Big Rock from a proposed high density housing area. There would be other high density housing areas in the immediate vicinity as well as other commercial activity. The area would be accessible by car, walking/biking trails, and local streets. The site would accommodate 26 parking stalls, with potential for additional shared parking on the adjacent property and on the proposed Lake Washington Technical College site.

Bill Ptacek gave a brief overview of KCLS' activity, including site acquisition, costs, etc. He said that they were considering selling one-half of their site to gain additional construction funds. KCLS had some \$4.3m total available, and had spent \$900k to purchase their site. They have some \$2.3m left to build the library, but that amount was estimated to be some \$7-900k short of what they needed. Wrench and Ptacek agreed that it would cost approximately \$1m just to prepare the site for construction.

Kay Johnson and Mike Brooks will get together to discuss the details of the proposal. Bill Ptacek expressed concern that the Big Rock Road site is further from Old Town and this might cause unhappiness by the community and create heat for the Board and the City. Paige was not overly concerned, as the KCLS site itself was not in Old Town and was only accessible by car from SR 203.

Paige concluded her summary by saying that she will update the City Council at its next meeting on May 24th. She said that WH was not being altruistic, but saw the new library as a magnet and an anchor for their development plans. She said that Wrench

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commented that “KCLS builds beautiful libraries” and he wanted it to be a part of their Big Rock Road development.

Alan commented that “we should be looking beyond the curve,” and the proposed location was “nicer, better, and has safer access.”

Paige said that if KCLS accepted the offer by WH, it could sell its existing site and put the proceeds into the new library. She said that the WH proposal addresses two key needs:

- Enables KCLS to build the library of the size needed by the community, and
- Allows for sufficient parking, including readily accessible shared parking.

The board was unanimous in its support of the proposed WH site.

New Business:

Friends of the Library/CC: Joe Lee said that the plant sale took in about \$4300 and was a great success. He said that the FOL/CC will be giving away free children’s books at the upcoming Duvall Days. Laura suggested that they also pass out the Early Literacy program information. Joe Lee thought that they could accommodate that.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 25, 2007.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Don Barden